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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DAVID W. SMITH

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PATTERN MATCHING ON SINGLE AND  
MULTIPLE PATTERN STRUCTURES

Group Art Unit: 2616

Examiner: TOAN D. NGUYEN

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed June 6, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-6, 8-18, 20-28 and 30-35. The shortened statutory three-month deadline for filing this Notice of Appeal is September 6, 2008. This Notice of Appeal is being filed on Monday, September 8, 2008 (the following business day after Saturday, September 6, 2008) therefore, it is timely filed.

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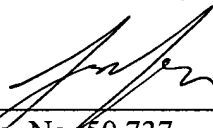
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The undersigned attorney may be contacted at (713) 934-4069 with respect to any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this appeal.

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